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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Receipt of the Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) filed March 30, 2007 is acknowledged.
2. The amendment filed on March 30, 2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they provide a method and system for handling cash using an electronic validation of the cash in claims 50-54, a method and system for handling a check using an electronic representation of the check in claims 55-101 which were not in the originally presented claims claiming a method for image based transactions

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

***Conclusion***

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